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To: All Interested Parties

Subject: Bulls Sold At Livestock Markets – Trichomonosis Testing

Effective October 5, 2007, the laws protecting California's cattle from bovine trichomonosis will change. The requirements include:

Bulls 18 months of age and older for sale at public auction yards in California:

- Need one (1) negative trichomonosis test result from a trichomonosis certified veterinarian within 60 days prior to sale.
- Without a negative trichomonosis test result, bulls can only be sold for slaughter or to a feedlot designated for slaughter only.

Public auction yards:

- Must post a notice at least 11" x 14" in a prominent place stating, "**All bulls 18 months of age and over must have a negative trichomonosis test or be consigned as slaughter only.**"
- The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and California Cattlemen's Association (CCA) strongly recommend auctioneers announce bulls with a negative trichomonosis test while they are in the sale ring.
- CDFA and CCA strongly recommend regulatory or auction yard personnel place a green tag on bulls without a trichomonosis test prior to entering the sale ring, indicating bulls are for slaughter only. The CDFA Bureau of Livestock Identification will provide tags and CDFA Animal Health Branch will provide glue.

Enforcement:

- Regulatory personnel will enforce the trichomonosis regulations, including checking sale documents for the trichomonosis test results.
- California's cattle industry has agreed to assist in enforcing trichomonosis program requirements, including checking signs at saleyards and providing education to producers.

Sincerely,

Signature on file

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